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**Marilyn Hall Patel**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1959 BA; Fordham 1963 JD  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Attorney, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice (1967-1971)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alameda County Municipal Court (1976-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Benson & Morris (1963-1964); Corporation Trust Company (1964-1967); Private Practice (1964-1967); Private Practice (1972-1976)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; American Bar Association; National Women Judges Association

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**James Ware**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Cal Lutheran 1969 BA;  
Stanford 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush



**Academic:** Visiting Professor, California Lutheran University (1980)

**Judicial:** Judge, California Superior Court, Santa Clara County (1988-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1972-1977); Partner, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1977-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1972-1987)

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Michelle Takamoto** ..... (408) 535-5456  
Education: Santa Clara 1992 JD  
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**Sandra Brown Armstrong**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Cal State (Fresno) 1969 BA; U San Francisco 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 21, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Conductor, Judicial Training Workshops, New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (1997)

**Government:** Policewoman, Oakland Police Department (1970-1977); Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, California (1977-1979); Senior Consultant, California Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice (1979-1980); Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, California (1980-1982); Prosecutor, Public Integrity Section, United States Department of Justice (1982-1983); Member, United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (1983-1986); Member, United States Parole Commission (1986-1989)

**Judicial:** Judge, California Superior Court, Alameda County (1989-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Insurance Claim Representative, Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. (1969-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Alameda County Bar Association; American Bar Association; California Bar Association; California Judges Association; Charles Houston Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Women Judges; National Bar Association; National Council of Negro Women; Wiley Manuel Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Ronald M. Whyte**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Wesleyan U 1964 AB; USC 1967 JD  
Began Service: 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, California Superior County, Santa Clara County (1989-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Nichols, Stead, Boileau & Lamb (1967-1968); Associate then Partner, Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel (1971-1989)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1968-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Inn of Court; Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Northern California; California Judges Association; California State Bar; Federal Judges Association; Intellectual Property Inn of Court; Santa Clara County Bar

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**Claudia A. Wilken**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Stanford 1971 BA;  
Boalt Hall 1975 JD  
Began Service: December 1993  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Boalt Hall (1978-1984); Professor, New College School of Law (1980-1985)

**Government:** Welfare Eligibility Worker, State of California (1971-1972); Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of California (1975-1978)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of California (1983-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wilken & Leverett (1978-1984)

**Current Memberships:** Alameda County Bar Association; American Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges

**Staff**

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**Maxine M. Chesney**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: UC Berkeley 1964 BA; Boalt Hall 1967 JD  
Began Service: May 24, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Assistant Chief Deputy, Office of the District Attorney, State of California (1976-1979)

**Judicial:** Judge, San Francisco County Municipal Court (1979-1983); Judge, California Superior Court (1983-1994)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Federal Circuit Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Women Judges; Founding Member; Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society; Queen's Bench; United States Association of Constitutional Law

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Secretary **Sheila McCarron** ..... (415) 522-2041

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**Susan Illston**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Duke 1970 BA; Stanford 1973 JD  
Began Service: June 2, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Cotchett, Illston & Pitre (1973-1976); Partner, Cotchett, Illston & Pitre (1977-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association Litigation Section; American Bar Foundation; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Trial Lawyers Association; Association of Business Trial Lawyers; California Trial Lawyers Association; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; International Society of Barristers; National Association of Women Judges

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**Martin J. Jenkins**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Santa Clara 1976 BA; U San Francisco 1980 JD  
Began Service: November 9, 1997  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Professional Football Player, Seattle Seahawks (1977)

**Government:** Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Alameda, California (1980-1983); Trial Attorney, Civil Rights Division-Criminal Section, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1983-1985)

**Judicial:** Judge, Oakland-Piedmont-Emerlyville Municipal Court (1989-1992); Judge, California Superior Court, Alameda County (1992-1997)

**Legal Practice:** General Litigation Department, Legal Department, Pacific Bell Company (1985-1989)

**Current Memberships:** American Inn of Court; Charles Houston Bar Association; Donald R. McCullum Moot Court Board; Prescott-Joseph Center for Community Enhancement, Board of Directors; University of San Francisco Law Assembly; University of San Francisco Street Law Program, Board of Directors

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